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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Where Application of

Richard Reisman

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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTING UPDATES**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 1-67 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof in favor of new claims 68-443, which read as follows:

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-68. A computer implemented method for distributing software from a remote computer system to a user station, the method comprising:

responsive to an identification of software already installed on the user station, presenting a directory of software available for installation on the user station and not already installed on the user station;

sending to the remote computer system over a communications network a selection of software for distribution to the user station, wherein the selection of software is selected by a user at the user station responsive to the directory; and

receiving from the remote computer system over the communications network software